Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1-64. (canceled)
- 65. (new) A trampoline system comprising:
- a frame;

plural legs that extend upwardly from the ground and support the frame above the ground;

a rebounding mat coupled to the frame by plural spring members;

plural independent poles that extend above the rebounding mat by a distance of five to eight feet, each pole being spaced apart from the other poles and attached to at least one of the frame or legs;

an expanse of flexible material that is supported by the plural independent poles and that extends to an elevation sufficiently above the elevation of the rebounding mat to provide an enclosure that prevents a jumping person from falling off the trampoline,

the frame, the poles, and the flexible material being interconnected such that at least some of the poles become loaded with energy when a jumping person impacts the flexible material, whereafter energy stored in the poles is promptly released as a reaction force that urges the poles back toward their original positions.

- 66. (new) A trampoline system comprising:
- a frame:

plural legs that extend upwardly from the ground and support the frame above the ground;

a rebounding mat coupled to the frame by plural spring members;

plural independent poles that extend above the rebounding mat, with at least one of the independent poles being generally of the shape of an inverted "U", each pole being spaced apart from the other poles; and

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an expanse of flexible material that is supported by the plural independent poles and that extends to an elevation sufficiently above the elevation of the rebounding mat to provide an enclosure that prevents a jumping person from falling off the trampoline.

67. (new) A trampoline system comprising:

a frame;

plural legs that extend upwardly from the ground and support the frame above the ground;

a rebounding mat coupled to the frame by plural spring members;

plural independent poles that extend above the rebounding mat by a distance of less than nine feet, with at least one of the independent poles being generally of the shape of an inverted "U", each pole being spaced apart from the other poles; and

an expanse of flexible material that is supported by the plural independent poles and that extends to an elevation sufficiently above the elevation of the rebounding mat to provide an enclosure that prevents a jumping person from falling off the trampoline,

the frame, the poles, and the flexible material being interconnected such that at least some of the poles become loaded with energy when a jumping person impacts the flexible material, whereafter energy stored in the poles is promptly released as a reaction force that urges the poles back toward their original positions.

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